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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

## (PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference H-33255A	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	
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Applicant NOVARTIS AG et al.		
<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau)</i> a total of sheets, as follows:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(sent to the International Bureau only)</i> a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)), containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</li> </ul>		
<p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>		
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## **Box No. I Basis of the report**

- With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
    - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
      - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
      - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
      - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
  - With regard to the **elements\*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

**Description, Pages**

1-38 as originally filed

## **Claims, Numbers**

1-29 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:  
 the description, pages  
 the claims, Nos.  
 the drawings, sheets/figs  
 the sequence listing (*specify*):  
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

4.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).  
 the description, pages  
 the claims, Nos.  
 the drawings, sheets/figs  
 the sequence listing (*specify*):  
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-29
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-29
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-29
	No:	Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):**

**see separate sheet**

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**Box No. VI Certain documents cited**

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**1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)**

**and / or**

**2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)**

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(SEPARATE SHEET)**

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**Re Item V.**

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1 : EP 0 953 565 A (NIHON NOHYAKU CO LTD) 3 November 1999 (1999-11-03)

D2 : FR 1 441 499 A (GEIGY AG J R) 10 June 1966 (1966-06-10)

In the light of the documents cited in the search report the present claims 1-29 can be considered as being novel (Art. 33(2) PCT).

However, the present claims 1-29 are open to objection as to lack of inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT) as the object of the present application, namely to provide amidoacetonitrile compounds which have pesticidal properties, especially against endo- and ecto-parasites in and on warm-blooded animals and plants and the present solution has already been suggested by the closest prior documents D1 (claims 1-5; example 199, pages 2-8) and D2 (page 1, paragraph 1; claims 1-5).